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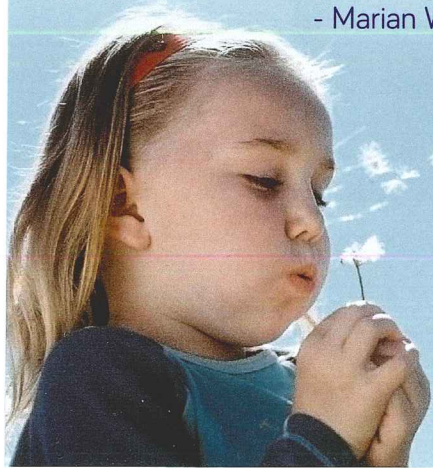
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**"If we don't stand up for
children, then we don't
stand for much."**

- Marian Wright Edelman



Our Story

In May 1995, individuals representing community agencies and governmental units met to explore ways to improve the system's response to victims of child abuse. The result was a call for a children's advocacy center, a blueprint for its implementation and enough passion, commitment, and momentum to carry the project forward.

Before the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center opened its doors, victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members were required to go to multiple locations in Tucson to satisfy investigative requirements. Invasive investigation procedures required by the criminal justice system were described as traumatizing, painful, and exhausting. Often, victims and their family members were left feeling re-victimized by the process.

The promise of the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center is to ensure the support of the child victims, to heal the wounds of abuse, and to seek justice with compassion and consideration. With this pledge, the Children's Advocacy Center reduces trauma to child victims by ensuring that the investigations are coordinated, respectful, timely, and are conducted in a child-sensitive environment.

The Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center was incorporated in May 1996 as a non-profit organization. The Center has 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. The Center opened its doors to child victims of abuse and their families in December 1996. Each year, more than 1000 children are seen at the Children's Advocacy Center. These children come to the Center from throughout Tucson and Pima county, as well as from other cities and counties in southern Arizona.

Our Key Collaborating Partners

- Arizona Attorney General
- Child Protective Services
- Pima County Attorney
- Pima County Sheriff's Department
- Tucson Police Department
- University Medical Center
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Sierra Vista Police Department
- Sahuarita Police Department

Supporting Agencies and Organizations

- Angel Charity for Children, Inc.
- Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Arizona Republic
- City of Tucson
- Cox Charities Arizona
- Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families
- In-N-Out Burger Foundation
- National Children's Alliance
- PICOR Foundation
- Pima County
- Professional Association of Women's Services
- Project Linus
- Saddlebrook Tennis Club Charities
- Savers/TVI
- Sterling & Baxter, LLP
- Stocker Foundation
- United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona
- Jewish Community Foundation
- Kahn Family Legacy
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CENTER

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and Healing Begins**

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A Voice for Children

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center is the safe and child-friendly place where child victims of abuse tell their story and begin to heal. Here, children undergo a forensic interview and receive a forensic medical exam, if warranted: at one place, in one day.

Trauma is significantly reduced, the investigation is enhanced, and the children and families can begin the process of emotional and physical healing.

Our Mission

To protect and support children through coordinated efforts to stop child abuse and neglect that include investigation, intervention, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision

To improve the safety and well-being of southern Arizona's children by giving them a voice.

Our Promise

To ensure the support of child victims, to heal the wounds of abuse, and to seek justice with compassion and consideration.

With this pledge, the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center reduces trauma to child victims by ensuring that the investigations are coordinated, respectful, timely, and conducted in a child-sensitive environment.

The Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center Provides...

- 24-hour urgent triage services
- A safe, child-sensitive place for the child victim to tell what happened
- A videotaped forensic interview with the child victim
- A complete medical evaluation, as warranted, to gather information critical to the investigation and to the potential health needs of the child
- A coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to investigations
- Crisis intervention, advocacy, and case management services to the child victim and non-offending family members
- Specialized training for child abuse professionals
- Education to children on personal safety and prevention of abuse
- Training to adults on mandated reporting
- Interesting and worthwhile volunteer opportunities for citizens in the community



A Coordinated Team Benefits the Child!

The heart of the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center is the child. Services are coordinated through the multidisciplinary team that includes law enforcement officers, doctors, child protective service personnel, prosecutors, and social workers. The team combines expertise and professional knowledge for a more complete understanding of case issues and a more supportive response to the child victim and family.

- The focus is on the child victim, with approaches appropriate for each child's age and developmental stage
- The need for multiple interviews with the child victim is reduced; this reduces the child's feelings of re-victimization
- Child victims and their families begin the healing process sooner and receive better results
- Better forensic evidence is collected; this improves case coordination and provides a quicker case disposition
- Investigators are able to see the big picture
- New insights and supportive relationships among the investigative professionals ultimately benefit the case and the child victim

How You Can Help

Services at the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center are supported by city, county and state funds, grants from private foundations, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, and through contributions from concerned citizens.

The Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center is in need of monetary donations, supplies, and in-kind contributions. The Center also utilizes the services of volunteers in a variety of ways.

Contact the Center to learn more about how you can help the efforts to reduce trauma to child victims and break the cycle of child abuse.

Center Phone: (520) 243-6420

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Your Taxes Help, Too!

The Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center qualifies for the Working Poor Tax Credit. You may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar Arizona state tax credit (up to \$200 filing separately, up to \$400 filing jointly).

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